NEW YORK HERALD, TUESDAY, PEBRUARY 22, 1870. TRUPLE SHEET,

# MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

The Common Council in Active Operation.

Reward of Merit to be Tendered Mr. Sew ard-Secret Session-"Robbing Peter to Pay Paul"-Vetoes from the Mayor-The Stowe Pavement and Fifth Avenue Plaster.

The Board of Aldermen assembled vesterday after soon, pursuant to adjournment, with the president Alderman Coman, in the chair. It was evident that there was "something up." The lobby was cramm and with such a crowd—well, the usual type of the third house. There were shiny hats and pug noses in number, the wearers of which seemed fearfully intent on what the metropolitan papas would do. The working clerks were present in full force; the members of the Board were remarkably silent and thoughtful; even the fires in the large stoves seemed to burn with a peculiar, studied flame. Nie Beger, the new Alderman, was present, filling the seat from which the Tammany Guntzer had been ousted, and he alone of all who were there seemed happy. He grinned with a great deal of apparent satisfaction Alderman O'Brien, but the latter seemed abstracted He gazed thoughtfully and interrogatingly at the crape on Alderman Croker's hat, wondering, no doubt, if "Reuben" had been "going for" any of the clerical-looking Richard's friends with fatal effect. The president held his gavel against his seeth, and looked straight before into space or the lobby, and occasionally gianced at Alderman Miller, who stood on the platform near the reporter's table, ready to make motions or dance the "Shoo My," as occasion might require. Occasion, fortunately, did not require the latter, and the independent Miller stood watching the "grinding" of the "axes." and striking in with a motion when it

The ordinary routine having been disposed of, large number of papers, of the usual style, were in-troduced and laid over or referred to the appropriate Committees. The Board then went to work an put the business through in lively style. Among the

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Whereas the Hon. William H. Seward will shortly arrive that he can protracted absence from his mative State, and whereas it is proper that a deserving tribute should be paid to his emment adulty and distinguished services to our common country, therefore Resolved, finat this Common Council tender him the hospital lines of the city, and that a committee of five members from each branch of the Common Council be appointed to receive Mr. Seward on his arrival and make suitable arrangements to extend to him a public reception at the Academy of Music or such other place as they may select.

The resolution was adopted and Aldermen Miller, Felca, Moore, Wottman and Cregler were appointed by the president as the Aldermanic committee, ther which the paper was sent to the other Board

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Here is an opportunity offered to show the Mexicans now much more magnificent a reception can be given here in New York than they could give in any of their cities. The reception to Comptroller Connoily was the "biggest thing" of the kind ever given at the Academy; out this proposed reception to the Hon Whitam H. shouth "may "way over" the Connolly reception, and cause the flowing locks of the Hon. William's hirsate son to quiver with delight. The Miller is at the head of the committee to "ng" the thing, and there should be something "ground" out very nicely. The Board then took up the list of GENERAL ORDERS

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and "wbacked" it down in a most astonishing style by adopting resolutions providing as follows:—Giving to the Bond street Homocopathic Dispensary a homocopathic dose of \$5,000; giving Michael Shyder \$300 for the loss of a horse, and Andrew Fox, who host a better horse, \$500; directing the laying of Fani pavement (whatever that is) on 11th street, from Third to Fourth avenue; Eighty-dith street, from Second to Fitth avenue, 124th street, from Third to Fourth avenue, and 114th street, from Third to Fourth avenue, with the Roboting from Houston to Thirty-ninth street, with the Roboting preserved wood pavement, and Fittieth street, from Fourth to Fitth avenue, with Beigian pavement. Ordering the purchase from Joseph Bommers of Rembrandt Peale's portrait of Washington for \$1,200, to fill a gap in the "city contangencies." Fixing the salary of the General Clerk of the Board of Assistant Andermen and the salary of the Second Clerk in the Burcau of Street Improvements in the Street Department at \$3,500 per annum, which is good for the Second Clerk in the Sureau of Street Improvements in the Street Department at \$3,500 per annum.

disposed of, when, on motion of Alderman Miler, the Board took a

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Intil three o'clock or about twenty minutes. All who were not members of the Board were requested to withdraw, and after a great deal of "scrouging," the "gang" was emptted out on the corridor and the members of the Board left to themselves. What the CAUCUS

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was about it was difficult to determine. The crowd in the lobby was angmented by another "gang," which was vomined from the room of the Assistant Aldermen. The hallway was too small, and so the crowd surged down on the stairway to the hall become and a general caucus was got up, everybody saking everybody else "What's the row?" and everybody else assuring everybody "don't know; sumthin' tough goin' on, you bet." After nearly three-quarters of an hour, or thereabouts, the doors were opened again and another "scrouging" took place. In almost as short time as it takes to tell it the chamber back of the Aldermanic circle was crowded to repletion. The first thing taken up was a "COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HOSON THE MAYOR," which was carefully unfolded by the reader, and the latter having given the necessary preliminary ahem, ahem, was about to read, when Alderman Miler moved "that the further reading be suspended and the communication entered at length on the minutes." This motion, although something have the Irish schoolmaster's command, "before you sit this was a

nication was not read. It appears, however, that this was a VETO from Mayor Hall of the resolution latery adopted, ordering some nine miles of wooden "Stowe" pavement, at six dollars per square yard. In the communication the Mayor reterred to the pavement on Maden lane, the order for which had been passed over his veto. He took occasion to comment on the First portion of this pavement was laid from Thirty-fourth to Forty-second streets, and proved to be substantial and well laid. The experiment was unfortunate, and the amount paid out thus far for about two miles of the pavement was some \$143,453. The Mayor denied, in most emphatic terms, having any interest, direct or ladice, in the pavement, other than as chief executive of the city to nave the orthopal streets hand-somely and substantially paved.

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The Board naving thus filed off the message, went on with the general orders and adopted several of minor importance. Another veto was received from the hayor in relation to allowing a "starter's boa" to be erected near the corner of Park row and another street. The communication was disposed of Ann street. The communication was disposed of in the same manner as the former one, and the Board shortly after adjourned.

## BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALBERMEN.

The Board met yesterday afternoon, the President, Mr. Rethy, presiding.

PROPOSED WIDENING OF ALLEN AND PIKE STREETS A resolution was presented in favor of authorizing the Corporation Counsel to take the necessary mea respond in width with the First avenue. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

RECEPTION TO SECRETARY SEWARD. The Board concurred in the adoption of a resolution extending the hospitalities of the city to exsecretary Seward upon mis arrival in New York.

An Accidental resolution.

A resolution was adopted directing the Comptroller
to draw his warrant in layor of Michael Donohue
for \$500, as a donation to reimburse him for injury
sustained by a defective crosswalk in Laurens
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Donation to A Dispensary.

The Comptroller was directed to pay the treasurer of the New York Dispensary for Diseases of the Fricat and Langs the sum of \$2,000 as a donation to that institution; and it was further directed that hereafter a donation of \$1,000 be made to the above Dispensary.

A resolution was adopted directing the Street Commissioner to have streets lying north of Fifty-minth street and east of Fifth avonue renumbered where necessary.

The Croton Aqueduct Department was directed to have the following streets paved with Belgian pavement:—

ment:—
Delancey street, from Bowery to East river;
Broome street, from Bowery to Norfolk street, and
Forty-third street, from Eigath avenue to the Hud-

on river.
On motion the Board adjourned till Thursday. THEM PERVISIONS.—An honest old darkey, whose expectations of getting a forty acre plantation and a domestic jackass for voting the radical ticket were entirely sincere, now goes back on his friends in this wise:—'Dem carpet-bagetth' scallawag fellers da tell us dar war pervision in the constitution for we collad folk, but dat was a lie—dem pervisions didn't come. 'Fore God, massa, I aint seen de fast mou'fal,"—Alliens (Tenn.) Fost. Pto. 18.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The Memerial Day of His Birth-What It h and How it Is to be Observed.

There was a time when people celebrated the birthdays of their great warriors. There was a time when they contented themselves with com-memorating the birth of poets. But there was never a time, until the United States became an independent nation, that warrior, poet and states-

man was honored in the same degree.

It is one hundred and thirty-eight years ago since he was a statesman; yet many people may object to his being called a poet. And yet he was a poetical genius. His many excursions to the West, even that fatal one under General Braddock, snowed his poetical spirit, for he never flagged, never lagged, but was always enjoying the hope of future success. Hope of success is purely poetical, and hence George hope of success.

1732, quite a long time ago. But the man who was first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen cannot be forgotten. The man who seemed to be providentially looked after when the Indians levelled their arrows at him at Fort Duchesne, and yet could not bit him-this man was at last saved from the bullets of the English that he may be pre-

Served to save his country.

To day again the people of America propose to celebrate the birthday of this man. Many of the celebrate the birthday of this man. Many of the Americans do not understand the importance of the day. It is not a mere holiday. It is not a day of mere rejecting. The day means more. What the Washington of old refused, the democratic republicans of the present time should not receive. When at Valley Forge he was offered a crown, and he decimed it. But democratic republicans of the present day take all the attributes of a crown it their money can buy them, and they don't care a "bit" for what the people may say about it, but no matter; the Americans celebrate the memory of George Washington, and that slone signifies that they are worthy sons of a worthy father, and that they are worthy sons of a worthy father, and that they are worthy sons of a worthy father, and that they will never forget the teachings of him who has been the founder of republicanism, the originator of the constitution.

The people will generally observe the day. The statute law of the Nate prescribes a general observance. The notes and drafts payable in bank today were made payable by law yesierday.

Moreover, a great number of German societies have prepared for a grand celebration this day in honor of Washington. The Arion, for instance, will repeat the "Freischutz" to night at the Academy of Music. The Turners will have a grand festival at their hall on orchard street. And at innumerable other places the birthday of Washington will be celebrated by the Germans with grand educt.

In a religious point of view the celebration of the day will be more grand. At Trimity church the chimes will be rung by Mr. Aylific, and at the churches masses will be said for the soul of the greatest man which America has ever produced, while the athelists claim that Washington, a disciple of Jefferson, was one of their own. Americans do not understand the importance of the

#### REAL ESTATE MATTERS.

The opening sales of the week took place vester day at the Exchange, under the direction of A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co. and Stanley Day. The first named firm disposed or two lots in the village of Tremont, Westchester county, being a part of the Ryer Homestead, sold last spring. The latter sold the brown stone house and lot known as No. 205 West Twenty-second street.

The particulars of these sales are given below. We learn from a Georgian correspondent, J. Howard Brown, of Augusta, a real estate dealer in Southern lands, that William N. Little, of 408 Grand street, Brooklyn, E. D., has purchased the plantation of Judge R. A. Allen, at Allen's station, ten miles south of Augusta, Ga., containing 2,500 acres, handsomely improved, for \$50,000. Mr. H. G. Warner, of Rochester, N. Y., has purchased the Governor Early place, 2,200 acres, one mile from the city of Greensboro, Greene county, Ga., for \$20,000. William H. Brown, of Rhinebeck, N. Y., has purchased and settled on the Judge Robinson place, 650 acres, two miles from Greensboro. He paid \$5,000 for his new home. There are several Northern men from Unio, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania, who are now negotiating for property in Middle Georgia. The further information is given that the Globe Hotel, Augusta, is crowded daily with Northern health, pleasure and land seekers. lands, that William N. Little, of 408 Grand street

## TRANSFERS OF BEAL ESTATE.

۱	New York.				
	8th st, s. s. 153 It w of av C, 31.9198.9				
۱	3d av. No 822, store, basement, &c, 5 years, per year 1,800				
۱	Kings County.				
	Clinton at, c s. 113.5 ft s of 3d piace. 18x109				
	2d st, n s, 255 ft e of 5 sty, 2229				
-	Utica av. e.s. 32.9 ft s of Herkimer st. 22:100. 1.430 Same property, same grantor to same grantee. 1.430 Washington av. n.s. 200 ft e of 3d st. 100:10. 2.000 New Lots, lot 886, block B B, J. B. Eacon survey. 500				
١	Westchester County.				
	North st, s.s. lot 288, Central Mount Vernon, 50x100. 250 6th av, w.a. and lat st, s.s. 64x105. 16,000 MORKHANIA. 16,000 142d st., n.s. 600 ft e of Willis av, 25x100. 1,000 145th st., n.s. 525 ft e of Willis av, 25x100. 2,000				
ı	Abendroin place, es, adjoining N H RR, 157 r282x13510,000				

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	Summit at, s s, lot 20, Richard Archer's, 25x79. 625 Post road, w s, adjoining T Waring's, 18521-100 acres. 57,000 Webster av, s s, 166 ft from Prescott st, 25x102. 1,228
	Queens County.
	Biackstump road, e.s., adjoining Jack's, 16 acres and houses, Francis'
	Baldwin's
	Jackson av, n s, 177 ft w of East Lib at, 25z97 5,000
8	Jericho road, adjoining Wiggin.', 126 acres, Coverta' 11,000
2	Easex County, N. J.
	Harvey st and Mt Pleasant av, s w corner, 200x141x15110.500 Prince at and South Orange av, n w corner, 30x06x62 7,000 http://dx.div
9	Main st, e s, adjoining Ab Parces, fronting on Passaic river, Sizii
ì	Indefinite plot, C Harrison to B Horkey, 6 84-100 acres 307
ı	Lincoln av. w s, adjoining Condit's land, 106x192.6 8,000
S	Hudson County, N. J.
	Garden at, w s, 153 feet n of 8th st, 14 4v100. 6,500 Sharehall at, e s, 50 feet s of 4th st, 25x100. 525 Washington at, e s, 50 feet s of 6th st, 25x100. 9,500 HEUDRON CITY.
	Clerk av, e s, lot 5, block \$2, Wm B Ogden's map 850
	Lot 7, Jeremiah Jackson's
	Humboldt st, lot 523 North Hoboken

Shore road, adjoining John Bard's, 40x100x236x346x459x
382, L Tuckerman's
SOUTHFIELD.
Thompson st, 248 ft e of Brook at, house and lot, 22x98,
G Met'artuer's, Street Stre

#### "GOLD IS CASH."

Secretary Boutwell's Financial Wife-Mrs. Tennie C. Claffin as a Financieress-Paper Money Worthless - A Common Currency for the World.

the firm of Woodhull, Cladin & Co., recently estabhaned on Broad street as the protegees of Commobears of that classic locality:-

Inshed on Broad street as the protegees of Commodore Vanderbilt, will, perhaps, interest the buils and bears of that classic locality:—

NEW YORK, Feb. 19, 1870.

To THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Since the firm of Woodhult, Cladin & Co. appeared in Broad street I have often been asked, "What are your financial opinions?" This query, so often put, with all appearent frankness and ingenuousness, is pretty nearly as polimical as the same about the weather would be, and very nearly, if not quite, as susceptible of clear elucidation. For one just appearing in the financial centre of the United States opinions so changeable as the weather would suggest may be deemed rather indefinite, if not really unsatisfactory; and yet it cannot but appear, when the subject is viewed as other subjects are when an analysis is sought, that the variableness of the financial condition very nearly keeps pace with that of the weather, and very closely resembles is, except in this:—That the elevations and depressions of its temperature, while being equally subject to rapid fluctuations, are still more disastrous in their results. A sudden variation in the financial temperature is sure to "lay out" many especially among those whose "margins" are not sufficiently broad to compass the lall of the mercury induced by the movements of the Polar "beats." The difficulty is that when "laid out" in this manner no resort to "lsiay mat." is offerently tried.

But when we inquire seriously about the weather we find an its changes follow adequate producing causes. For instance—If in mid-winter a very warm day occurs it is centant that the cold and heavier atmosphere surrounding the warm belt will rush in and displace it. Does the finances, and the more I am involved in amore, and am forced to the conclusion that one can decide when "doctors" disagree. The number of soutions presented and remedies proposed completely bewilders one, unused to rejuing on others' opinions, and puts the question home for sell-solution.

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think of them all I am forced to the conclusion that they are all right, and that the desideratum will be reached all the sooner that they all work for it in different channels.

For myself I have at least one decided financial opinion, and that is that gold is cash, and, as a consequence, that to have plenty of it is to be pretty nearly independent of everything and everybody, even that most terrible personage, Public Opinion, and that very interesting and exceedingly well informed individual, Mrs. Grundy, who insunates herself into your confidence so unwittingly with her "inoceds" and her "You don't say's." Besides cash forms a very large umbreila, covers a mulatude of —, sins I was about to say, but will qualify that most unpopular, not to say imphilosophical word, by saying a mulitude of "harvests" coming from the sowing of "wild oats." I said that I had ohe opinion—that gold is cash. At the same time I must add that an arbitrary custom makes it so, and that there are several other commodities that might with equal propriety be called the same. Strictly speaking, gold is nothing but one of the products of the earth, raised into its present position of potent importance of no principle of law or justice. None, be they ever so poorly informed, will assert that there is, gold enough in the word to predicate its excannges upon sana to move its produces; and so long as there is not there is a radical fault in the position it occupies.

Attempts to make buts of paper represents one dollar of gold no benefit is attained, but on the contrary an actual loss is incurred in the expense attending its manufacture and vending. When two, three or more dollars of paper representation is not complete; and nowever much argument may be brought forward to prove the advantages of such a representation there is no getting around the fact that when you attempt to pay the two or more dollars with the one they represent a difficulty is the one affect that when you attempt to pay the two or more dollars with the one they represent a

getting around the fact that when you attempt to pay the two or more dollars with the one they represent a difficulty is at once reached, and this difficulty is the one all countries, in all times, have contended with and never yet conquered.

It may be said that this is a simple idea, known to all. Very true. All comprehensive ideas are simple. But why, being so well known, has not some edicient remedy for the difficulty been before this discovered? The reason is this:—Though the original fact is apparent the variety of channels it operates through, which make up the sum total of results, are unerry beyond the control of any one person or nation. Hence a philosophic presentation of its operations would be too voluminous to be appreciated and too comprehensive to be understood in all its bearings.

I have also another decided opinion, and that is I have also another decided opinion, and that is that there is only one perfect solution for financial difficulties—to use something as a standard of value that small be a just representative of the yearly av-erage of the total products of the whole world, and which shall be the accepted common currency of

Having arrived at this conclusion, I propose here-Having arrived at this conclusion, i propose acre-after to electrost some of the general coarnings the principle would have upon the present condition of the country, and to present what seems to me to be legitimate detactions therefrom which should be used as present expedients for relief.

TENNIE C. CLAFLIN.

## THE ICE CROP OF THE HUDSON.

The Scarcity of the Luxury in the River Towns-The Reports Received-Any Quantity of Empty Ico Houses. POUGHKEEPSIE, Peb. 21, 1870.

There is no use of attempting to deny the reports of the almost total failure of the ice crop of the Hudson river, from which stream, in ordinary winters, over 1,000,000 tons are housed. I have taken some pains to get hold of information on the subject, and reports received confirm previous statements made in the public prints. At Tivon there is not a particle of ice stored, even inhabitants not yet having procured enough for their own use. The large ice house below Glascoe, and the one north of Malden are entirely destitute of any, and even in the vicinity of Tivoii the freshet has cleaned out all the ponds carrying every particle of ice from them. At and near Barrytown there are five ice houses, two at the former place and three on the opposite side of the river. The first named two are owned by Mr. D. H. Mulford and Mr. Livingston, and are capable of holding 90,000 tons. There is not a cake capable of holding 90,000 tons. There is not a cake of ice in them. Mr. Mullford in January threw away 500 tons of last year's ice, intending to stow away all new ice. He now wishes the old ice was still in his house. The three houses on the west shore, opposite Barrytown, are owned by the Washington and Knickerbocker ice Companies, and are empty. The companies named nave sinpped all their tools from these houses to Lake Champiam, where they intend stacking ice and bringing it to market as soon as the canal opens. At Catskill H. Van Steenburgh has about 6,000 tons of ice housed, and the Knickerbocker Company about 1,500 tons which is all the ice in that vicinity, though the houses there are capable of hosing 100,000 tons. At Athens there are three large houses—one owned by the Knickerbocker Company, one by ine Washington and one by private parties, and there is not a pound of ice in either of them. There is also a large ice house on Roger's Island, owned by the Washington Company, and one at "Brandow's Reach," two miles south of Athens, netther of walch contains a particle. At Coeyman's the Knickerbocker Company have 20,000 tons storad but that is not a fica bite. In the large ice houses owned by the Knickerbocker Company at New Baltimore and Coxsackie not a bit of ice is stored. These statements are facts, notwithstanding the discouragement they afford. The people in this city are filling up their ice houses from Today the Knickerbocker Company will send large gangs of men to Green's Lake, two times west of Athens, where they expect to get 20,000 tons of good ice.

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In fact, so extensive is the fallure of the 1ce crop on the river that considerable distress exists among the amareds of poor men who always depend upon the labor of getting the ice housed for their support during the winter. Early in the winter grocers, dry goods dealers and others trusted icemen to the amount of thousands of dollars, expecting to get their ray when the harvesting of the ice crop commenced, but who now say that financially they are seriously crippled. The people of datskin have filled parns, sheds and cellars with ice from the creek.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Mr. Charles Bishop, of New London, parrowly escaped being shot last Thursday night. He is creeting a carriage house for samuel Dudley, on Church street. About eleven o'clock, the wind being on the increase, Mr. Bishop got up and went to the building with the loca of bracing it. He was in the act of securing a board when, without challenge or warning, a pistol was ofscharged in the hands of Mr. Dudley. The bad grazed his person and went through the board Mr. Bishop was holding. In explanation it is stated that the premises of Messrs Dudley & Stevens, carriage manufacturers (the above named Dudley being a partner; have recently been invaded thy rascals and much damage done to been reportly.

# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WALL STREET,
MONDAY, Feb. 21—6 P. M. }
The Stock Exchange, the Gold Room and the Gov ernment Board have adjourned until Wed morning, as to-morrow, February 22, the anniver sary of Washington's birthday, is a legal holiday.

Affairs in Wall street opened dull, but beca omewhat animated in the atternoon on the receipt of despatches from Washington indicating legisla-tion invorable to an increase of the currency. The character of the measure thus brought The character of the measure thus brought before Congress is not very clearly defined in the telegrams sent to Wall street to-day, and doubtess the public will have to walt the regular and fuller news despatches to the press to obtain accurate intelligence. It seems, however, that a resolution was suddenly forced to a vote, by the operation of the previous question, re-quiring the Committee on Banking to forthwith report a bill to increase the currency fifty millions. Up to this hour it is not known whether an issue of additional greenbacks or further banking facilities are intended by the resolution. A Senate bill providing for forty-five millions additional national bank currency and a redistribution of twenty millions from the North to the South and West is now pending in the House. The effect of the news was prompt in affecting prices.

In the Gold Room there was a sharp recovery upon receipt of it. The price had been strong at the closing figures of Saturday; but advanced to 119; as soon as the telegram was made public, especially as one version had it that the bill had passed both houses (!) and only awaited the President's signa ture to become a law. The street was distracted Congress, and as the insjority said the fifty multons was to be in greenbacks the price of gold ran up a half per cent in anticipation of such an expansion of the national currency. Afterward, on the discovery that the resolution was only one of instruction and authority to the Banking Committee to report a bill, gold declined again to 118%, and those who had bought at the advance began to think they had been the victims of a scheme concected in Waif street and having confederate agents in Washington. The course of the market is shown in the following table of the chief fluctus-

tions:	
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10:00 A. M	3 P. M1193
11 A. M119	3:45 P. M118;
12 M119	3:50 P. M118;
1 P. M119	4 i'. M
1:57 P. M119%	5:30 P. M118% & 119
2 P. M119%	
Holders of gold paid iro	m 4 to 6% per cent to hav

their balances carried. The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank were as follows:-
 Gold cleared
 \$39,123,000

 Gold balances
 1,277,630

 Currency balances
 1,633,173

The news also had its effect at the Stock Ex-

change. The tone of earlier transactions had been firm, if not buoyant, the bank statement of Saturday continuing to produce a favorable impression. The money market was easy and gave prices additional strength. At the afternoon board prices became active upon the first telegrams from Washington, as the struct was disposed to regard the measure as one of inflation. The advance in the railway list was in some instances quite sharp, New Jersey Central rising to 103%, as against 101% at the opening, while Reading recovered to 98% and Central consolidated moved to 98%. The Western rallways were less excited, but im proved a quarter to a half per cent, with the exception of Rock Island, which advanced to 121%. Or the real character of the news becoming known, and and as it was inferred in some quarters that the House committee might conclude to report the Senate bill, which, by the proposed redistribe currency, would produce contraction at the North there was a feverish downward turn, led by those Western railways which were most heavy in the pre vious buoyancy. Northwestern common going off to 72% and St. Paul to 64%. For some of the his the lowest prices of the day were mad-in this sudden change of sentiment. Th features of the day were the most obstinate in re sisting the decline, and a few of the more actively strong stocks yielded but a trifle. Central scrip wa an example of the last mentioned, and, with Erie, Mariposa preferred and Pacific Mail, acid its own in the adverse current. Western Union was steady and firm, but duli. The express shares were active an generally higher, Weils-Fargo touching 38%, the im provement being due to a report that the Unite States Company have flually agreed to the terms of th recent convention making a redistrib and business. The following were the closing price of stocks at the last session of the Stock Exchange: Canton, 58% a 59; Cumberland, 34%; Wester, Union, 34% a 35; Quickstiver, 14% bid; Mariposi 10 a 10 %; do. preferred, 21% a 22; do. certificates 50% a 51; Pacific Mali, 42% a 42%; Boston Wate Power, 18% bid; Adams Express, 63 & 65; Wels Fargo Express, 21% bid; American Express, 38 bid United States Express, 52 a 53; Merchanis' Union, bid; New York Central consolidated, 98% a 98% do. scrip, 95% a 96; Harlem, 147 a 149; Erie, 27; do preferred, 50; Reading, 98½ a 98½; Michigan Central, 121 bid; Lake Shore, 88½ a 88½; Illinois Central, 143 a 145½; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 101½ a 10214; Chicago and Northwestern, 73 a 7314; do preferred, 80% a 90; Rock Island, 120% a 120%; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 65% a 65%; do. preferred, 70% a 70%; Toledo and Wabash, 47% a 47%; do. preferred, 86% a 87; Fort Wayne, 91% a 92; Alton and Terre Haute, 33 a 34%; do. preferred, 62 a 63%; Onto and Mississippi, 31% a 31%; Delaware and Lackawanna, 104% a 105%; New Jersey Centrai, 162% a 163; Chicago and Aiton, 113 a 114; do. preferred, 113 a 115; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 106 a 107 %: do, preferred, 106 % bid; Dubaque and Sioux City, 110% a 111; Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central, 20 a 20%.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES. The extreme fluctuations of the leading speculative stocks are shown in the following table of the

highest and lowest prices of the day:-New York Cen. & Hud. Consolidated. 9816 9744. New York Cen. & Hud. Consolidated. 9836 New York Central & Hudson Scrip. 4578 Harlem 188 Erie. 27 Presburg 88%
Northwestern 73%
Northwestern preferred 90
Rock Island 90 101 1 723 Rock Island. 90
Allwaukee and St. Paul 95/4
Miswaukee and St. Paul preferred. 79/4
Ohio and Missonaire. aniwaukee and St. Paul 9554 Miiwaukee and St. Paul preierred 1954 Onto and Missessippi 3136 New Jersey Contral 1035 Mariposa preierred 1035 GOVERNMENTS STRONG AND STEADY.

The government market was strong and steady, whatever inclination it showed to vibrate with the fluctuations in gold being overcome by the quota-tions from Europe. Five-twenties were quoted 88% to-day in London, the highest price ever attained there, and showing on the one hand the growing appreciation of our securities as the gold premium approaches obliteration and on the other the drift of European capital to invest-ments which pay higher rates of interest than now generally prevail on the Continent. With five-twenties at 88% it is easy to see that, the rate of interest aside, United States "stocks," as tuey are denominated in London, are ahead of consois and form an attractive medium of exchange. The following were the final street prices for the government list:-- United States currency sixes, 111% a 111%; do. sixes, 1881, registered, 117% a 117%; do. a 111%; do. sizes, 1881, 1883 tered, 11% a 117%; do. do., coupon, 11% a 117%; do. five-twentices, registered, May and November, 114 a 114%; do. do., 1862, coupon, do., 115% a 115%; do. do., 1864, do. do., 114% a 114%; do. do., 1865, do. do., 114% a 114%; do. do., registered, January and July, 1131/2 a 1131/2; do. do., 1865, coupen, do., 1131/2 a 1131/2; do. do., 1867, do. do., 113% a 113%; do. do., 1868, do. do., 113% a 113%; do. ten-forties, registered, 109% a 109%; do. do., coupon, 11214 a 11214.

SOUTHERN SECURITIES, DULL. The Southern State bonds were dull and steady for the general list. The North Carolinas were weak and lower on a pressure of sales at the board, which, from the options attending them, were regarded as specularive, although other facts indicate that bolders of unredeemed hypothecated bonds have been selling extensively for some time. The new

Tennessees were firmer and active, transactions in the Long Room being quite frequent. The following were the latest street prices of the Southern list:— 50%; Virginia, ex coupon, 62% a 57; do., new, 65% a 66; do., registered stock, 51 a 52; do., registered, 1866, 59 a 61; do., registered, 1867, 55 a 57; Georgia sixes, 82 a 83; do. sevens, 92 a 93; North Carolina, ex coupon, 45 a 46; do., new, 24% a 25; do., tax, 24% a 25; Missouri sixes, 90 a 91; Louisiana sixes, 71 a 73; do., levee sixes, 70 a 71; do., do. eights, 81 a South Carolina sixes, 86 a 87; do., new, 81 a 82; City of Memphis sixes, 51 a 52; City of Atlanta, eights, 77 a 79; Mobile and Onio sterling, 72 a 74; Greenville and Columbia Railroad, guaranteed, 67 a 69; Macon and Brunswick sevens, guaranteed by State of

THE MONEY MARKET, in its general features, was a repetition of Saturday's, the fact that to-morrow is a holiday leading to the same desire to employ balances over the holiday with the effect of making the rate on call easy at four to five per cent, with exceptions at three per cent on governments and at six per cent on stocks. Commercial paper is without essentis change. The banks are quite generally disposed to reely accommodate their regular depositors and

was weak and lower, the leading bankers reducing their rates an eightin per cent. The diminution in imports and the freer supply of bills drawn against shipments of cotton and five-twenties rendered the market heavy and induced the decline in rates. The range of quotations was as follows:—Sterling sixty days, commercial, 108% a 108%; good to prime bankers', 108% a 108%; short sight, 109% a 109%; Paris, sixty days, 5.22% a 5.17%; short sight, 5.16% a 5.15; Antwerp, 5.22% a 5.17%; Switzerland, 5.22% a 5.17%; Hamourg, 35% a 38; Amsterdam, 40% a 40%; Frankfort, 40% a 40%; Bremen, 78% a 70; Prussian thaiers, 70% a 71%. THE EXPORTS OF THE WEEK.

The aggregate amount of exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New York to foreign ports for the week ending February 22, 1870, was \$3,208,786. THE SPECIE MOVEMENT. The imports of specie at this port during the past

week have been as follows:-Feb. 14-Steamer City of Mexico, Vera Cruz-Gold ..... Gold dust. Feb. 16—Steamer Hammonia, Havre—Gold Feb. 19—Steamer Tybee, Porto Piata—Gold. Feb. 19-Steamer City of Cork, Hailfax-Total since Jan. 1, 1870......\$2,836,973

The following was to-day's business at the office of the Assistant United States Sub-Treasurer:-Gold receipts.
Gold payments
Gold balance
Currency receipts.
Currency payments.
Currency balance.
General balance.
General balance.

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d	20000 do 11322	240 Am Mer U Ex 38
	10000 UB 6's, cur'cy 11150	60 dob call 87%
	30000 do	200 U S Express Co 5234
10	1 1000 GO 113**	200 NY CAH KRR 97%
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	1000 NY Cent 7's, '76 108	500 do 88%
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12 M. and 2:15 o'Clock P. M. 814000 US 5-20, c, '62\_s3 115\( \) 81800 US 5-20, c, '10-40, r . 109\( \) 6000 do. 115\( \) 3000 do. 109\( \) 4000 US 5-20, r, '97\_s110 118\( \) 2000 US 5-20, r, '97\_s110 118\( \) 2000 US 5-20, c, '97\_s110 118\( \) 3000 US 5-20, c, '98\_s114\( \) 25000 do. 113\( \) 65.00 do. 113\( \) 40. 113\( \) 1000 US 5-20, c, '95\_s113\( \) 1000 US 5-20, c, '95\_s11 | 1000 US 5-20, c, \*\( \) \( \ One o'Clock P. M.

STREET QUOTATIONS.

Half-past Five o'Clock P. M. West Un Tel. 34% a 24% Northwestern 72% a 72% Facile Mail. 42% a 42% Northwestern 7 82% a 52% Pacile Mail. 42% a 42% Northwestern 7 82% a 52% b 1 V Central con 17 a 87% Rock Island 120% a 120% N Y Cen scrip. 15% a 16% St Faul 65% a 65% a 65% St Faul 65% a 65% a 65% of 1 V Central 7 2 2 79% Reading 98 a 96% Ohlo & Miss. 21% a 21% a 21% before 87% a 28 N J Central 103% a 103%

## COMMERCIAL REPORT.

MONDAY, Feb. 21-6 P. M. at \$7 25 a \$7 50, with a moderate demand and light receipts. Pearl were stid dull and nominal at \$9 25 a \$9 76. BEESWAL.—The demand was light, being confined to small lots, but prices were firm at 58c, a 395c. No sales of moment. CANDLES were dull, but unchanged in value. We quote:— Western and city adamantine 18c. a 23c.; sperm, 40c., and patent, 53c. a 55c.

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COTTON.—For this staple there was a good demand from all classes of buyers and a large business was consummated, but the offerings being liberal the market was heavy and prices receded fully he, per lb., as will be seen by reference to the state of the seen by reference to the seen by prices receded fully ke, per lb., as will be seen by reference to our quotations appended. Including 174 bales to arrive the sales were 4,825 bales, of which 1,745 were for spinning, 1,542 for export and 1,155 on speculation. For future delivery the business was fair, but prices were generally ke, per lb. lower. Sales 600 bales, basis low middling, for June, at 33.5c. a 23.5c., 40 do. for May at 23.5c. a 23.5c., 200 do. for April at 23.5c. a 20.5c., 40 do. for May at 23.5c., 200 do. for April at 23.5c. a 23.5c., 100 do. for May at 23.5c., 200 do. for April at 23.5c., 200 do. for Sales at 200 do. for April at 23.5c., 200 do. for Sales at 200 do. for April at 23.5c., 200 do. for Sales at 200 do.

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COPPER.—The market for ingot was only moder tive, but prices were steady at former quotation were sales of 250,000 ibs. lake at ilc. a 164c.; costs fitted and the series of the

more active, but the amount of business tra owing to the increased firmness of boliers 50,000 bushels at \$1 19 a \$1 20 for No. 2 Mile

and from Philadelphia a org who over 150, with sales of op private terms.

GUNNING.—Cloth was quoted at 28 or 150, with sales of 700 bales, to arrive, on private terms. Bags were quoted at 17 or 15 or 15

2,000 cases at 20c. a 26/2c, 2400, bbs. at 29/2c, 1,000 do.
2014 c., 1,000 do. at 29/2c, and 400 do. blue test at 29/2c, 1,000 do.
10 blue to word to or of about rather firmer, holders demanding 31/2c. a 20c. trackard for prime rather firmer. Pullate in Philadel phis the respect on a dult, the demand being limited by Big.c., 1,000 do. at 29,6c., and 400 do. (high test at 29,6.) Jeing lois were allow of sale but rather immer, holders demanding 31,9c. a 38c. for standard to prime white. In Philadelphia the market was duil, the demand being limited, but prices were without particular change. 1,000 bbls, were sold on the spot at 28,3c. which was the decising price, while, but prices were without particular change. 1,000 bbls, were sold on the spot at 28,3c. which was the decising price, while, but have a continued at 1,000 bbls, for March delivery were disposed of at 29,3c.

\*\*Trovistorse.\*\* Receipts 219 packages lard, 640 kegs do.,485 packages cut meats, 1,7sl bbls, beet, and 640 kegs do.,485 packages cut meats, 1,7sl bbls, beet, and 640 kegs do.,485 packages cut meats, 1,7sl bbls, beet, and 640 kegs do.,485 packages cut meats, 1,7sl bbls, beet, and 640 kegs do.,485 packages cut meats, 1,7sl bbls, beet, and 640 kegs do.,485 packages cut meats, 1,7sl bbls, beet, and 640 kegs do.,485 packages cut meats, 1,7sl bbls, beet, and 640 kegs do.,485 packages and 287 fa. 825 fa. 8

Rico-Roining grades, 95c. a 10kc.; grocery grades, 10c. a 12g.c.
Tallow.—The demand was only moderate, but prices were without change, being steady, especially for prime. Saice \$6,000 lbs. at 9cc. a 10cc. for country to prime city.
Tobacoo.—Kentucky was slow of saic, the demand being light, and the spices were confined to about 56 hitls. at 9c. a 40cc. according to quality. Seed leaf was dull and ho salest

vere reported. Of flavana, which was stea ales were sold at voc. a \$1 05. We quote:—	dy in v	alue, lo
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